

# Trails for Review UPDATE (Shuswap Regional Trails Roundtable)

Updated as of: November 25, 2017 (See accompanying Google Earth kmz Map file)

## Trails Related Plans/Projects/Events for Review Pending Approval, In Progress, Completed, and For-Information/Clarification: for Roundtable Review/Input/Update

**Note DRAFT FOR DISCUSSION/ADDITIONS** - These are the current projects identified at the most recent Shuswap Regional Trails Strategy and Roundtable Working Group meeting with pending review/authorization requirements, wider planning implications, or that need further input. They are separated into sub-regional planning zones, plus a general region-wide section. It is acknowledged this is only a partial list and that there are more trail projects in the works throughout the region.

**Updates from previous version are noted in red.**

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### *East Shuswap*

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**Anstey Highland Traverse** (STA/SOLF with Splatsin/Tenure Operators) – STA stewards are keen to resume recreational access management and habitat conservation planning needs within the Anstey Highlands. Management planning includes summer and winter access, motorized access and overnight management (includes the Gorge, and hut-to-hut), and collaboration with tenures. **STATUS:** extensive field reconnaissance and assessments, including screening reports completed; further advancement currently on hold, acknowledging Splatsin as primary caretaker in the area; recent discussions underway with Shuswap Outdoor Learning Foundation re: enhanced educational opportunities. **ACTION NEEDED:** Follow-up with Splatsin Title & Rights for direction, then convene access management working group.

**Eagle Pass Mountain Trail** (RSTBC/STA) – STA leadership were successful in securing BCRDP funding to inventory and prepare a repair/upgrade proposal for the existing historic Eagle Pass Mountain trail. This will include consultation with Splatsin, RSTBC, and other area stakeholders. As well, there is a desire to work with the Eagle Valley Snowmobile Club to consider linking and managing the Eagle Pass hut for non-winter hiking access and use. **STATUS:** Technical trail inventory completed; first draft plan in progress (STA/BCRDP). Target: draft ready for review in December (Lead: Sutra Brett)

**Eagle Pass Mountain Fire Lookout** (East Shuswap) – In Fall 2016 reports were received of reconstruction work occurring on the historic Eagle Pass Mountain fire-lookout. Inquiry with Recreation Sites and Trails revealed this was an unsanctioned undertaking. No authorization was approved. Rec Sites and Trails BC responded with appropriate land management authorities. **STATUS:** under Provincial review with Compliance & Enforcement. Currently still awaiting follow-up from Province. However, a recent request by local political leadership to the Provincial MFLNRO Minister asking the new lookout structure be allowed to stay resulted in media coverage of the lookout. This, in turn, resulted in wider provincial news coverage and public response through social media. The Shuswap Trail Alliance has issued a formal statement confirming its willingness to support a working solution with the local group along with regional and provincial leadership to

manage the site appropriately within a wider recreational access management plan for the area. (See [www.shuswaptrailalliance.com](http://www.shuswaptrailalliance.com) for full statement)

**Eagle River Nature Trails Trailhead** (East Shuswap/BC Parks) - The STA and BC Parks submitted a proposal to improve the trailhead parking area of the Eagle River Nature Trails within Yard Creek Provincial Park. The trailhead parking area overlaps with MoTI jurisdiction, and may be eligible for application for roadside infrastructure improvement grants. The proposal would include installation of proper vault toilet, designated parking area, native plant landscaping, and picnic benches.

**STATUS:** design options were revised following BC Parks staff review. Follow-up required prior to grant application submission. No further action to-date.

**Gorge Backcountry Recreation Area** – (RSTBC) RSTBC has applied to establish the area as a formal rec site (currently designated as non-motorized winter recreation under the LRMP). This will allow opportunity to manage the area which currently sees significant winter backcountry skiing access. Note: this area is included within the Shuswap Regional Trails Strategy, noted as a Hot Spot Planning Priority Area, and is part of the overlapping Queest/Anstey Highland Traverse concept plan (See STA Strategic Plan, 2007; Shuswap Regional Trail Strategy, 2016). **STATUS:** RSTBC have submitted Section 56 application to Front Counter for review. Front Counter review period completed. RSTBC are conducting further stakeholder input in response to concerns raised over the proposed polygon boundaries. Sept. 13/2017 – RSTBC hosted a consultation meeting at their Revelstoke Office with commercial operators, snowmobile, alpine club, and STA leadership. A revised rec area boundary was recommended. RSTBC to update on progress.

**Joss Pass and Joss Mountain plus Tsiuis/Mabel Mountain** (East Shuswap/Splatsin) - trail brushing and repair to creek crossings were reported summer 2016. (Confirmed work done by Revelstoke Bike Club.) As well, Provincial wildlife biologists are exploring the health of grizzly populations in the Joss/Tsiuis/ Mabel mountain corridor. Concern regarding an informal social access trail into the alpine on the west side of Joss Pass Mountain has been noted, given the shorter access time from the forestry roads. As well, there is concern motorized access will become possible with the proximity of the cut blocks on the west side. A Joss Pass/Greenbush Lake trail assessment, environmental screening, and improvement plan developed by Splatsin Title & Rights Department and the STA has been completed. Follow-up recommendations were placed on hold pending authorization and funding to proceed from RSTBC. Inquiries to upgrade the trail for mountain bike access/use have been made by the Revelstoke Bike Club, and Mountain Bike guide operators in both Revelstoke and Kamloops. There is keen interest to participate in shared stewardship planning/approach. BC Enduro Series Inc. applied for a Temporary Commercial Event Licence for heli-assisted mountain bike race using the Joss Mountain trail. **STATUS: HIGH PRIORITY** – Front Counter review period for BC Enduro application completed. Application has been withdrawn. STA received call from Matt Yaki with Wandering Wheels mountain bike guide company of his intention to apply for guide tenure license on Joss Mountain trail. Provided a letter (May 3, 2017) confirming STA recommendation to defer to a cautionary approach and recommend not endorsing it until appropriate adaptive planning steps are taken. Awaiting update. Splatsin Title & Rights Department & MFLNRO Wildlife hosted leadership consultation meeting August 9, 2017, with support from STA and coordination/facilitation by Fraser Basin Council (funding from MFLNRO Wildlife). Follow-up action has included presentations to RDNO and CSRD Boards with both boards encouraging the process to continue with letters of support conditional to further consultation. As well, outreach to Vernon and Revelstoke ATV Clubs has been made (both have indicated willingness to participate in a

recreational access management planning process.) **ACTION:** STA is working with Splat sin and MFLNRORD-Wildlife leadership to coordinate follow-up leadership meeting to activate the planning process. **PRIORITY NEED:** funding support - STA continues to struggle to coordinate access planning process without funding to resource facilitation.

**Malakwa Community Park Trails** (East Shuswap/CSRD Parks Area E/STA) – work is nearly complete on small loop of trails for mountain biking and walking within CSRD owned Malakwa Community Park. Sutra Brett has worked on design with local young people. **STATUS:** completion October 2017.

**North Fork Wild: Conservation Park and Historic Pack Trail** (East Shuswap/CSRD Parks Area E/STA) – (See previous updates for background notes on NFW) The historic pack trail north of the park is a statused trail under Rec Sites and Trails jurisdiction. RSTBC authorized the STA to complete the clearing and re-activate the trail in 2016. Partial clearing was completed in 2016. STA to complete in further clearing in 2017. Shuswap Outdoor Learning Foundation have raised funds to complete a shelter for staging educational programs from the upper trailhead within CSRD Parks property. Target: 2018 completion. **STATUS:** Trail work grant confirmed through BC Rural Dividend Program for 2017 (STA/BCRDP). SOLF/STA Shelter construction led by Jeremy Ayotte currently underway. Also STA proceeding with further clean-up/activation of historic pack trail.

**Owlshead/Cummings Lake Access Management** (East Shuswap/Splat sin/BC Parks/RSTBC/EVSC/SQC/STA/Tolko/BCTS/KMP) – management plan working group continue to work toward plans approved in 2015. Site recon with Stewart Lee (Splat sin) and Marcia Bennett (RSTBC) conducted in July 2016. Revisions to original plan were noted, including the failure of culverts to channel water allowing ATV use of the Cummings lake snowmobile connector. A recommended alternate properly designed ATV trail higher up on the side hill to mitigate water erosion was recommended. The Sicamous Quad club have plotted a proposed route for consideration. Rock armour closures to Cummings Lake protected area have been bypassed by ATV users. An alternate ATV parking area closure to the Rec Site is recommended to address the long walk from the original closure location. Route plotting to establish formal ATV routes to be approved for signage include the snowmobile route to the Blue Lake Snowmobile Cabin. As well, it is recommended a continued route along the ridge south above Blue Lake and over into the Noisy Creek side be considered to allow for a substantial enough ATV experience and accommodate users accessing from the south. Kiosk signs with maps and educational info are recommended for every FSR entry point, including Noisy Creek, Kingfisher, Ashton Creek, and Mara. This requires meeting with Hunters Range Snowmobile Club, Kingfisher Interpretive Centre, Backus Racing, and others prior to final signage and mapping designs being completed. Also, STA have begun assessments, planning and design work to consider repair of the historic Owlshead hiking trail. **STATUS:** Enforcement signs installed. Draft information signs designed, but still need final edit with approved ATV/ORV route mapping, and RSTBC review/approval. X8 trailhead information kiosks constructed and available. Working group currently looking for date to reconvene to finalize map/signage and coordinate installation of kiosks. Have spoken to Splat sin Title & Rights Department to consider hosting meeting. Follow-up with Hunters Range Snowmobile Club suggesting difficulty making daytime meetings. **ACTION:** Owlhead working group to revise master plan recommendations to submit for approval. Schedule follow-up planning meeting with Hunters Range Snowmobile Club, Kingfisher Interpretive Centre, Backus Racing, and others. Then finish area mapping/sign layout. **Priority:** Convene working group with Hunters Range Snowmobile Club and other south Mara Mountain stewardship leaders. Gord Buschell following up.

**Sicamous Greenway Signage** – the District of Sicamous has invested in a community-wide greenway signage project as part of their age/dementia-friendly community plan and to enhance overall active transportation connectivity. Sign design is using the integrated regional Shuswap Trail Sign design standards, and includes acknowledgement of Secwepemc First Nation Territory. **STATUS:** initial phase of 100 posts and signs installed. (DOS/STA) **ACTION:** Phase 2 kiosk sign and blueway hand-launch paddle site signage to be developed.

**Sicamous-to-Armstrong Rail-Trail** (see Shuswap River Trail Planning Area)

#### *Shuswap River Trail Planning Area*

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**Enderby-Splatsin Riverwalk Extension Plan (Signs)**: (Splatsin/Enderby/STA) – a shelf-ready Riverwalk Extension plan was completed in 2015, including full engineering design drawings connecting the existing Riverwalk trail through to the Splatsin Community Centre. The plan includes engineering designs for a 400 metre section of the abandoned CP rail corridor. A draft outline for interpretive signage addressing Secwepemc and Splatsin values and interests was to be included with the plan, but still needs to be completed. **STATUS:** funding in reserve to complete draft signage outline. (STA) **ACTION:** coordination of Splatsin leaders and elders to develop draft interpretive sign plan. (Splatsin/Enderby/STA)

**Tplaqin Trail, Enderby Cliffs**: (Splatsin/BC Parks/STA) – further trail upgrades still to complete, including ½ retaining basket section and adaptation of spiral stair structure; plus removal/reinstallation of directional fencing and conservation signage. **STATUS:** draft plan to be submitted to BC Parks, seeking funding support. **ACTION:** submit PEF proposal to BC Parks.

**Sicamous-to-Armstrong Rail-Trail (and Sicamous-to-Osoyoos)** – a purchase agreement has been successfully negotiated with CP Rail for acquisition of the abandoned Sicamous-to-Armstrong rail corridor under a collaborative agreement between Splatsin, CSRD, RDNO, Sicamous, Enderby, Spallumcheen, Armstrong, and Salmon Arm governments. A Rail-Trail greenway for walking and cycling will be one of the preliminary uses of the corridor. Shuswap Trail Alliance, Armstrong Spallumcheen Trail Society, Vernon Ribbons-of-Green, Okanagan Rail-Trail Society, and the South Okanagan Trails-to-the-Okanagans Society have been coordinating efforts with TOTA and regional leadership to link the corridor between Sicamous and Osoyoos. STA has been conducting background research, preliminary designs, and long-term management modelling for Rail-Trails with local leadership, and supporting the acquisition process. Anticipated fundraising for construction will begin in 2018. **STATUS:** The Province of BC has committed to provide 1/3 of the purchase price. CSRD and RDNO have approved the remaining 2/3 through an Alternate Approval Process, with Splatsin having already acquired 7 km within their properties.

#### *Salmon Arm Bay Trail Planning Area*

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**Canoe Ball Diamond Trail** (City Salmon Arm/STA) – connector Active Transportation trail to link Canoe store and residents to Canoe Beach park. A compromise to the preferred parallel pathway along Canoe Beach Road, which cannot be implemented until future development proceeds. Gravel capped pathway connects residential streets around back of ball diamonds to a new solar activated

cross walk at Park Hill and Canoe Beach Road. **STATUS:** completed fall 2017. **ACTION:** additional signage to be installed linking Canoe store with residential connectors to Ball Park.

**Salmon Arm Memorial Cemetery Trails** (City Salmon Arm/STA) – a series of new trail loops designed to complement existing trails in the old Department of Defense property (now City of Salmon Arm property) next to the new cemetery. **STATUS:** alternate temporary access installed (2016) to deflect public access into cemetery construction site. City Salmon Arm has approved new trail additions. School volunteer groups will continue to assist Shuswap Trail Alliance trail crew to finish. Further planning scheduled for 2018. (STA/City SA)

**Gayle Creek Loop and Syphon Falls** (Salmon Arm/STA with City of SA) – a short 300 meter trail section is required on provincial land to connect an existing community greenway trail loop within the City of Salmon Arm in Glen Eden. The trail also links to a short existing 450 m trail to Syphon Falls, which also needs to be formally approved. The Syphon Falls trail accesses a small climbing area maintained by the Shuswap Mountaineering Club. Safety warning signage at the falls is needed. **STATUS:** A trail plan was submitted to Band offices for review in 2015. This was also submitted to the Roundtable Working Group for review in 2016. Resubmitted Jan 2017. No feedback has been received at this point so a request to RSTBC for pre-authorization review has been made. **ACTION URGENT:** Awaiting RSTBC pre-authorization site review; opportunity to submit with 2018 BCRDP grant application. (STA/City SA)

**Larch Hills Nordic Sprint Race Trails, Chalet Expansion, Wet Spot Repairs** (Larch Hills/LHNS) - Sprint Race Course was approved and completed in Fall 2016. Lower snowshoe trails were lost – planning to re-establish new routes needed. Review Roundtable working group spring 2016 recommendation notes for further direction. LHNS fundraising to expand the chalet is underway, and preliminary construction has begun. STA is assisting with technical plans to repair several problem wet areas on trails used during non-winter months. All were identified as priorities in the Non-Winter Trails Management plan by the joint advisory (2008). **STATUS:** Sprint Race Course Completed. Chalet fundraising underway. Wet-fix technical recommendations completed (by Sutra Brett) **ACTION:** wet-fix recommendation plans to be submitted for review (LHNS). Still to do.

**Larch Hills Nordic Trails: Snowshoe Trail Repair/Reroutes/Additions and Non-winter Hike/Bike** (Larch Hills/LHNS) – Recent discussions by LHNS Trail Committee would like to explore restoration of lower snowshoe loop lost due to Sprint Race Course expansion, and alternate return snowshoe loop from Cec’s cabin. There is also interest in upgrading the Cec’s Cabin snowshoe trail to a four-season use trail for hike/mountain biking. **STATUS:** preliminary review/planning needed. Update needed.

**Larch Hills Nordic Trails: Novice Trails** (Larch Hills/LHNS) – the LHNS trail committee (including representation from Shuswap Outdoors! and LHNS Snowshoe Trail Stewards, is discussing a plan for additional novice tracked ski trails. **STATUS:** Update needed from LHNS/Shuswap Outdoors!

**Larch Hills Nordic Trails: Non-Winter Trails Management Plan** (Larch Hills/LHNS) – LHNS Trail Committee also received recommendation from STA leadership that the existing non-winter management planning report and recommendations should be reviewed. Materials are still available to complete 6 more filter stiles to protect wet-areas, and several revisions will be needed with planned logging. As well, future Nordic plans should consider the four-season recreational use in the area, based on the proposed non-winter trails management guidelines. **STATUS:** non-winter trails management plan and recommendations document completed. Initial priorities (protection of

Upper Violet Creek Protected Area) completed. **ACTION:** recommend reconvening non-winter trail leadership advisory to review/direct next steps. Still to do.

#### **Larch Hills Traverse - West Connection to Salmon Arm via North Hub and West Greenway Loop**

**(Ida View)** (Salmon Arm/Larch Hills/STA/City of SA) - this section of trail was approved for construction by RSTBC in 2006 but insufficient funds have kept it on hold. As well, the City of Salmon Arm was revising their water treatment facility at South Canoe for the Metford Water Reservoir. This is now complete, so a revision of the original trail plan was done with a desire to secure funding and complete this unfinished section for hiking, mountain biking, equestrian, and winter snowshoe use.

**STATUS:** The unfinished loop, currently called the West Greenway Loop, connecting to the Larch Hills Ski Trails was completed this season, with a trail work grant through the BC Rural Dividend Program (STA/BCRDP) Update of the original Ida View section plan was also completed and submitted for review and confirmation of approval with RSTBC. (Note: environmental screening has been completed.). **ACTION:** Awaiting response from RSTBC, prior to funding submissions. (Lead: Sutra Brett/STA)

#### **Larch Hills Traverse – East Connection to Sicamous “Top-o-the-Sic”** (STA) – the 2 km section of

approved trail paralleling 112 FSRoad above Sicamous. **STATUS:** Trail work completed this season with grant confirmed through BC Rural Dividend Program (STA/BCRDP) (Lead: Sutra Brett/STA)

#### **The Lewiston Ultra Trail Run Event – Larch Hills Traverse – Sicamous-to-Salmon Arm Trail Run**

**Event - proposed dates: Sept 29, 2018** (Lead: Kara Kay Leinweber/with STA/Community Partners) – targeting participation from Calgary, Edmonton, Vancouver, BC trail running community; significant area tourism potential. **STATUS:** Community support confirmed (Splatsin, Shuswap Tourism, Sicamous Chamber, Salmon Arm Chamber, Salmon Arm Economic Development, Downtown Salmon Arm, and Shuswap Trail Alliance), Trail stewardship groups consulted, and application for permitting submitted this summer. Funding support allocated through Salmon Arm MRDT funding.

**Kela7scen (Mt Ida) – Motorcycle Trails** (Klas7ant Sacred Circle/Salmon Arm/CSRD Area D/SORRES - Shuswap Off-road Motorcycle Club) - This is the primary off-road motorcycle trail riding area in the Shuswap. Access is predominantly from the Haines Creek FSRoad, but other access points exist.

Much of the trail riding area utilizes existing forestry roads and tracks. Several dedicated trails exist, however, none of which have been formally approved or stused. In order to properly sign, manage, and promote motorcycle trail use in the area, the SORRES motorcycle club will need formal authorization of the trail routes. Working group also suggested looking at more immediate temporary educational/signage strategies while broader planning takes place. NOTE: Marcia Bennett (RSTBC Revelstoke) assuming Recreation Sites and Trails BC responsibility for Mt Ida. **STATUS: HIGH PRIORITY** – inventory of the two main motorcycle trials riding loops has been completed: Rockhound A Loop and East-West Loop (see kmz Google Earth file attachment). Preliminary meeting of Secwepemc and Provincial leadership held (May 2017). Update meeting with Louis Thomas, Duane Manuel, Brad Vickerson, and Phil McP recommended proceeding with trails inventory, environmental screening assessments, and preliminary planning recommendations. (Also see Haines Creek Bluffs progress below.) But acknowledged, recreational trail development and approvals will need to be guided within the wider Kela7scen Management agreement process. Follow-up meetings between Secwepemc Band Leadership have confirmed commitment to proceed with renewed management agreement. **ACTION:** SORRES to complete inventory of existing trails, and prepare trail management plan proposal, to be reviewed by Secwepemc, land management, and forestry

leadership; then schedule meeting with SORRES leadership to determine next steps for formally approving these trails and authorizing new trails; recommend combining with Haines Creek Bluffs discussion (see below). Follow-up to be coordinated under direction of Secwepemc management process. Update needed.

**Kela7scen (Mt Ida) – Shuswap Dirt Riders Motorcycle Event – May 14th** (Klas7ant Sacred Circle/Salmon Arm/CSRD Area D/SORRES - Shuswap Off-road Motorcycle Enthusiasts) – SORRES hosted annual motorcycle trail event on SW side of Mt. Ida on May 14<sup>th</sup>. (Noted above: Marcia Bennett assuming RSTBC coverage for Mt Ida.) **STATUS:** Event held May 14th. Permit application submitted through Front Counter BC; however, suggested informally submitting future events for pre-permit review with First Nations and others (c/o working group). Update needed.

**Kela7scen (Mt Ida) – Haines Creek Bluffs** (Shuswap Mountaineering Club/CSRD Parks/STA/SORRES) desire to connect a hiking trail loop between CSRD Park with Haines Creek Bluff, and install trailhead kiosk and wayfinding signage. Desire to coordinate with SORRES motorcycle trails/signage, and wider Kela7scen management plan. **STATUS:** Preliminary joint leadership consultation held May 15<sup>th</sup>. Hosted by CSRD Parks, facilitated by STA, with representation from local community, CSRD Parks Advisory, Shuswap Mountaineering Club, SORE, RSTBC, and Louis Thomas presented on Secwepemc values/interests. Additional contact made with other stakeholder orgs including Natures Nomads ATV Club and Tolko. On-site technical trail assessment conducted. **ACTION:** follow-up underway with Secwepemc review, Forestry and other tenure licensees and stakeholders, environmental screening, and preparation of concept designs for review.

**Kela7scen (Mt Ida) – East Ridge Trail:** (Klas7ant Sacred Circle/RSTBC/STA/SORE) long-term use of East Mt Ida ridge trail - this is a much used hiking trail, but occasionally used by motorbikes and mountain bikes (though questionably suitable given the mid-point and steep erosion sections.) The STA would like to redesign the eroded sections and upgrade this trail for hiking/snowshoeing, and the Switzmalph Cultural Society have proposed trails and a healing camp for the mountain. A shared agreement will be needed, including appropriate use under the Klas7ant agreement. **STATUS:** direction needed from Secwepemc leadership and RSTBC. STA leadership keen to facilitate planning in collaboration with key partners.

**Rubberhead Mountain Bike Trail System** (Salmon Arm Bay/STA/Shuswap Bike Club) - the approved Black Dog trail and the Dickson Climb Trail were completed this season, thanks to funding support from Rec Sites and Trails, a BCRDP grant, STA trail funding and crew, and volunteers with the Shuswap Bike Club. Updated trailhead kiosk sign still to design/install. Also, funding support for new trail planning was secured. **STATUS:** Black Dog and Dickson Climb trail tread completed. Final sign layouts to finish and install December. Canoe Forest Products timber harvest completed this fall; working closely with bike club and STA. New trail planning underway (STA/Shuswap Bike Club). **ACTION:** trailhead kiosk required (RSTBC). Final sign layouts to finish and install December. Canoe Forest Products assisting with roadside signs. Wind-throw removal needed on trails along new cutblocks. New trail concept plans to be completed and submitted for review this winter.

**Salmon Arm Greenways Planning – Master Set** (Salmon Arm/STA/GLC Liaison/Partners) – The City of Salmon Arm greenways strategy has now been developed into a growing set of shelf-ready Active Transportation trail plans ready for funding and implementation. These include connecting greenways, pathways, and greyways (sidewalks). **STATUS:** Master Binder of trail plans with City staff. **ACTION:** annual prioritization, funding, and implementation.

**Single Track 6 Mountain Bike Event – Larch Hills Traverse** (Trans Rockies

Events/STA/SAEDS/Shuswap Tourism/DSA/SACHamber) – Trans Rockies event organizers have approached the Shuswap again to consider hosting a return stage of the successful Single Track 6 Mountain Bike event in July 2018. This event was a successful destination event hosted by Shuswap and Salmon Arm community partners attracting several hundred visitors to the City of Salmon Arm and wider region. Salmon Arm Economic Development Society and Shuswap Tourism are keen to assist local hosting coordination again. **STATUS:** preliminary inquiries made. Awaiting updates.

**South Canoe: Annual Salty Dog 6-Hour Enduro Mountain Bike Race – May 13/2018** (Skookum Cycle

and Ski/Community Partners) – the annual family event has now become one of the largest in BC, drawing over 450 participants and over 1000 attending participants, with 60% visitors. An important tourism event for our region. **STATUS:** 2017 another very successful event. **ACTION:** permit applications with City/RSTBC to be approved for 2018.

**South Canoe: Provincial High School Mountain Bike Championships – May 26/2018** (SD83) – The

local High School Mountain Bike team in Salmon Arm will host the 2018 Provincial High School Mountain Bike Championships. Target location: South Canoe Trail System. **STATUS:** applying for permits with City Salmon Arm & RSTBC. Update needed.

**South Canoe Trails System** (Salmon Arm/STA/South Canoe Trails Advisory) – Master Plan DRAFT

completed for final review - Proposed approx. 8 km of new connecting loop trails submitted at June 2016 Roundtable Working Group for review. Purpose: to enhance recreational mountain bike, hiking, and equestrian connections and better manage current recreational access within the area. Comment received back from Ray Cormier (Splitsin Title and Rights Department) noting concern about whether IDF south facing winter ungulate range in area had been considered in the planning. Response noted a trail environmental screening report has been completed for the south canoe trail area by Jeremy Ayotte (STA consulting biologist), and the winter ungulate range is identified. Report notes main trail use is during non-winter, so stress impact to winter ungulate range is likely to be low, but ongoing monitoring should be maintained. The Section 57 management agreement for the area includes requirement for the South Canoe Trails Advisory to monitor and plan for contingency actions to reduce stress on ungulates during severe winter conditions. Contingency actions include trail closures, if necessary. Ray indicated Splitsin did not have further concerns if these monitoring reports and actions were shared. Working group noted increased winter trail use on snowshoes and Fat-tire mountain bikes. Suggest monitoring for increased pressure. **STATUS:** South Canoe Trail Advisory has met for a final review of the finished draft with the woodlot licensee. Submitted to City of Salmon Arm and RSTBC for review/approval. Trail work grant confirmed through BC Rural Dividend Program for completion of previously approved trails in 2017 (STA/BCRDP/South Canoe Trail Advisory) Completed new Mo Budda Mountain Bike trail and Toby Trot EQ trail construction. **ACTION URGENT:** New 2018 trail master plan awaiting final review by RSTBC; hope to include in 2018 submission to BCRDP Grant by Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>. (Lead: Sutra/South Canoe Trail Advisory)

**Switzmalph Cultural Society Nature Trails** – the Switzmalph Cultural Society was successful in securing BCRDP grant funding to prepare plans for developing improved nature trails, including exploration of options to link with City of Salmon Arm greenways. **STATUS:** Bonnie Thomas to update.

**West Bay Trail** (Switzmalph/Salmon Arm/Adams Lake/Little Shuswap/Neskonlith/City of SA/STA) - Joint meetings have resumed, preliminary technical design options and environmental review



guidelines established to mobilize a pedestrian/bicycle greenway corridor connecting the Switzmalph/Salmon Arm Communities to Sandy Point, Pierre's Point, and potentially Tappen. MoTI highway twinning an additional opportunity to consider parallel trail corridor over Kault Hill. **STATUS:** technical concept options developed for foreshore walkway extension in Salmon Arm to Peter Janyk Park. Design funding available through City Salmon Arm Greenway program and MRDT program. **ACTION:** Adams Lake, Little Shuswap, Neskonlith, and Salmon Arm councils to review and establish agreement to work together and proceed with environmental/engineering plan. Matching funding required for environmental/engineering design.

### *Inner (South) Shuswap*

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**CSRD Area C Master Parks and Trails Plan** (South Shuswap/CSRD Area C) - CSRD Parks has contracted Lees+Associates to prepare an updated Parks and Trails master plan for the South Shuswap (identified as Inner Shuswap planning priority area in the Shuswap Regional Trails Strategy). Community and stakeholder consultations are currently underway. The master plan should reference back to the Shuswap Trails Strategy and effectively become part of the Trails Strategy providing core planning direction for trails within the Inner Shuswap area. For more info: <http://www.csr.bc.ca/services/parks-recreation/parks-master-plan-area-c-engagement>.

**STATUS:** Draft Area C Parks and Trails Master Plan completed for CSRD Board review. (Ryan to update on progress)

**South Shuswap (Inner) Destination Trail Plan** (South Shuswap/CSRD Area C) – BCRDP grant funding to support preliminary field planning for new trail extensions secured for 2017 through STA. Planning builds off the new Area C Master Parks and Trails Plan and previous area trail planning as identified in the Shuswap Regional Trails Strategy. An enhanced proposal to extend the reach of this planning was submitted to the CSRD for consideration, with Area C Gas Tax funds dedicated to proceed in 2018. **STATUS:** initial BCRDP funded plans for White Lake, Reinecker, and Skimikin trails to be completed for review this winter. Full South Shuswap Destination trail planning to begin spring 2018.

**Balmoral Trails Reroutes (BCTS Harvest)** (CSRD Area C/RSTBC/BCTS/STA) – BCTS circulated timber harvest plans within the White Lake forest area for review/comment in 2016. Trail management and planning within the White Lake area, and in particular, within the CSRD Area C Parks and Trails Master Plan, will need to consider these plans and consult with BCTS. For more information contact Janet Beltz ([Janet.Beltz@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Janet.Beltz@gov.bc.ca)) **STATUS:** Balmoral harvest complete. Site reconnaissance conducted April 3<sup>rd</sup>. (CSRD Parks, STA, BCTS) Three new reroutes and short section of retread plus en-route signage required to re-activate Balmoral trail system. Southern property owners requesting skid road closure to prevent vehicle access into private property. Road rehab underway. Temporary signage in place. Trail reroute plan submitted to RSTBC for review/approval by CSRD Parks. BCTS have committed funding to assist reroute build. **ACTION URGENT:** awaiting review/approval by RSTBC. Hope to include in 2018 BCRDP Grant Application. Update needed.

**Balmoral Trails – Sheri Road Access/Dedicated ORV Trailheads Needed** – local access from Sheri Road to the Balmoral Trail system and inner forestry road system was facilitated for non-motorized users through a ROW agreement between CSRD Parks and a local private property owner. Due to unauthorized motorized use of the ROW contravening the ROW agreement, CSRD Parks have closed the access route. BCTS have also deactivated the connecting skid roads. The result is a loss of access

from residents via Sheri Road. The lack of access for motorized users of the White Lake forestry roads from Blind Bay has also been noted. Establishment of dedicated motorized ORV trailheads in the Blind Bay/White Lake area has been recommended. **STATUS:** consultation/planning needed.

#### *Falkland Area Trail Planning Area*

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**UPDATED: Glenemma Trails** (Falkland and Area/CSRD Area D Parks) – Desire by local residents and CSRD Parks Commission to formalize, sign, and manage section of existing trails on provincial land between Falkland highway and Forestry Road for hiking and equestrian nature trails. Stakeholder consultation held in 2015 acknowledged need for integrated motorized/non-motorized trail plan. Proposal suggests improvements to existing RSTBC Rec Site staging area to better manage different trail users, and filter non-motorized trail use south to the highway with at least one motorized corridor, and motorized/non-motorized trail use west and north on the upper trails. This is currently being reviewed/discussed with local motorized and non-motorized leadership, range licensees, and local residents. There is a need for a broader access management plan on wider trail system on upper FSRoads and old trails (Kelly Mountain). Invasive species priority area noted (Rush Skeleton Weed will require addressing in plan). **STATUS:** CSRD Parks Section 57 submission paused for further planning and consultation - underway by STA with CSRD Parks and partner organization in consultation with RSTBC and other licensees. See updated inventory of existing lower trails (upper trails inventory still to complete). Joint leadership consultation completed May 1<sup>st</sup>, 7 – 9 pm, Falkland Fire Hall. Hosted by CSRD Parks, facilitated by STA, with representation from local community, Range licensees, CSRD Parks Advisory, RSTBC, SORRES/motorcyclists, and equestrian trail users. Follow-up with Splantsin and Okanagan First Nations, Tolko, BC Hydro underway. Splantsin recommends Cultural Heritage Preliminary Field Reconnaissance. **ACTION:** GPS inventory of current use in the area (with SORRES leadership) underway. On-site assessment of proposed motor/non-motor options, environmental trail screening, First Nations reviews, draft Rec Site design options, and follow-up with key stakeholder/tenure licensees in progress. Next working group planning session targeted for December, with concept plans to be prepared for review in New Year.

**Kela7scen (Mt Ida ) – Various including Haines Creek Bluffs** – see Salmon Arm Bay Planning Area above.

**Salmon River Road/Silver Creek Parallel Pathway** (CSRD Area D/MoTI/GenTech/STA) – CSRD Parks are developing plans for a parallel Active Transportation pathway for walking and cycling along the Salmon River Road between the City Salmon Arm boundary and the Haines Creek Park. **STATUS:** Engineering designs have been completed ready for review with MoTI. **ACTION:** following MoTI review; apply for leveraged funding through BikeBC grant.

#### *West Shuswap Trail Planning Area*

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**Chase AT Walking Master Plan** (Village of Chase) – successfully applied for BC Healthy Active Communities funding with support from STA and IHA. Master plan to include connectivity with Adams Lake and Neskonlith residents. **STATUS/ACTION:** Funding secured. Preliminary planning inventory to be initiated. Update needed.

**Pictograph Protection Working Group** (Adams River/Little Shuswap/Neskonlith/BC Parks/Chase/CSRD Area F/Shuswap Tourism/STA) – a site assessment and recommendation report has been prepared for the Adams River Gorge by site protection specialists. A full archeological review to assess proposed options is now required to be conducted by Adams Lake Natural Resources. **STATUS:** on hold due to loss of funding in 2016 BC Parks budget. New funding being pursued. Small PEF grant secured by STA with BC Parks to support preliminary educational interpretive signage. Aaron and Wes to update.

**Scatchard Mountain - Rocky Road** (Village of Chase) – 900 meter trail loop off Scatchard Mountain Road above highway 1 on south side of the Village of Chase. Initial concept plan prepared in 2014 by the STA for the Village of Chase, and circulated for review with RSTBC, MoTI, ALIB, NIB, and LSIB. Village of Chase leadership have met and discussed the plan with Adams Lake, Neskonlith, and Little Shuswap Band leadership, including options to develop interpretive educational signage. **STATUS:** Agreements between Chase, Neskonlith, Adams Lake, and Little Shuswap Councils finalized. Section 57 Plan submitted to Front Counter for review/approval in 2017 by Village of Chase. **ACTION URGENT:** awaiting site-review and final direction from RSTBC; hope to include in 2018 BCRDP grant application. Updated needed.

#### *North Shuswap Trail Planning Area*

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**Adams River to Cottonwoods Parallel Path** (CSRD Area F Parks/BC Parks/MoTI/LSIB/ARSS) – proposal to install this section of the original Squilax-to-Scotch Creek Parallel Pathway Master Plan developed and approved in 2009 by CSRD Parks in partnership with LSLIB, BC Parks, MoTI, and STA support. Gravel cap trail surface suitable for pedestrian/bicycle use. Link with Squilax trail discussions underway between LSLIB/Quaaout/ARSS/BC Parks. (See below) **STATUS:** CSRD Parks engineering review and costing of original plan completed; **ACTION:** review with BC Parks, LSLIB, and submit funding grant application to BikeBC (MoTI) – CSRD Parks to update.

**Farrell's Field Park Trails** (North Shuswap/CSRD Area F) – CSRD Parks manages an ice rink on an existing license of occupation polygon. There are old existing trails on the property that community leadership requested be cleaned up and properly signed. Note: Additional consultation underway with local property owners to determine interest in extending the trails to the Anglemont Road. **STATUS:** CSRD License of Occupation confirmed to include area with trail system. Trail upgrade plan completed. See updated inventory of existing trails. Upgrades completed, including sign installation and perimeter rail fencing at parking lot. **ACTION:** final signs to install December.

**Hunakwa Lake/Wright Lake Trails** (North Shuswap/BC Parks/STA) - North Shuswap/BC Parks/and STA leadership are exploring the potential to reactivate the old Wright Lake to Hunakwa Lake hiking trail, to reroute the existing south Hunakwa access trail to reduce wetland impact and improve tread sustainability, and to design a hand portage trail to access the north end of the lake from Seymour Arm for paddlers. These trails are consistent with the Hunakwa Lake Park Management Plan. **STATUS:** Site reconnaissance conducted fall 2016. Technical planning grant confirmed through BC Rural Dividend Program (STA/BCRD), and preliminary concept plans in progress. **ACTION:** concept plans ready for review this winter. (STA/BC Parks)

**Lee Creek Bluffs Trail Plan** (CSRD Area F) – Another identified trail project within the CSRD Area F Parks Plan, championed by local residents, to the bluffs above the Lee Creek community. The STA is preparing a site review and draft concept plan for consideration, including environmental trail screening report. **STATUS:** preliminary concept GIS lines submitted to Working Group in spring 2017. Note: initial field planning made possible through a grant from the North Shuswap Lions Club, with detailed technical planning grant through BC Rural Dividend Program (STA/BCRDP). **ACTION:** draft plan to be reviewed with Lee Creek residents, CSRD Parks, RSTBC, and Secwepemc leadership.

**Onyx Falls Plan** (CSRD Area F) – There is currently a social route into a water fall on Onyx Creek from Crowfoot Snowmobile Parking Lot. A Section 57 application was submitted by CSRD Parks several years ago, but no follow-up done due to limited funding. CSRD Parks Commission are now interested in formalizing the trail for proper signage and management, and the STA are working with local trail stewards to mitigate the growing erosion from current access through a sustainable trail design. This trail will require at least three clear-span foot bridges and boardwalk sections.

**STATUS:** Concept plan initially delayed due to new spring water runoff concerns. Revised technical concept plans in progress. Include potential for additional destination trail loops. Note: planning made possible through a grant from the North Shuswap Lions Club, plus technical planning grant through BC Rural Dividend Program in 2017 (STA/BCRDP). Archeological/cultural site in area identified by Secwepemc leadership. **ACTION:** Further in-field planning to address water issues, follow-up with Secwepemc staff, and completion of Environmental Trail Screening. Concept plan to be reviewed by RSTBC, CSRD, Secwepemc leadership, and area stewards. (Lead: Sutra Brett/STA)

**Seymour River (Upper) Paddle Trail** (North Shuswap/BC Parks/STA) - BC Parks and STA leadership have discussed potential for formal put-in/pull-out hand launch sites for paddling. This is in keeping with the Upper Seymour Parks Management Plan. **STATUS:** On hold due to bridge collapse on FSR access road. **ACTION:** 2018 reconnaissance to assess feasibility.

**Squilax Trail** (LSIB/Quaaout Lodge/ARSS/BC Parks) – working group noted conversation underway to consider improved trail linking Quaaout Lodge with Adams River bridge and Provincial Park. Noted as potential additional link to leverage in Adams River-to-Cottonwood discussion above.

**STATUS:** currently informal discussion. **ACTION:** Aaron/Wes to update.

#### *Region-Wide Planning Of Note. . .*

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**Regional Active Transportation Initiative** (Shuswap Healthy Communities Coalition/STA/IHA) – update provided by Anita Ely and Phil McP – initiative underway to gather regional leadership to review/strategize on better support for community and regional active transportation planning. 2017 actions included request to wider Southern Interior Local Government Association (SILGA) partners for input on emerging best practices, case studies, challenges, and solutions. **STATUS:** Healthy Communities AT working group clarifying strategy, identifying key initiatives and leadership within region; researching current best practices/challenges/solutions. Presentation to SILGA Conference successful (April 26<sup>th</sup>). DRAFT Regional Active Transportation Strategy collaborative planning grant outline prepared for consideration by regional First Nations and Local Governments. (STA/IHA) Grant applications submitted by RDNO Area F and Village of Chase. Village of Chase Walking Master Plan application successful. CSRD Parks Area D and Area F submitting BikeBC grant applications for parallel roadside pathways. **ACTION:** review of current AT planning underway (in region and wider), continue working toward leadership gathering to discuss/strategize next steps, support additional AT planning grant applications and project implementation.

**Shuswap ATV Routes** (Sicamous Quadders) – Rennie Heare has gps lines, but uncertain about if/how to share them. All are informal ATV routes used by various club members. Question suggested by working group: consider which routes are desirable as formally approved routes? Focus on them. **STATUS:** informal ATV routes gpsed. Update needed. **ACTION:** follow-up with Marcia (RSTBC Revelstoke) and Rennie (Sicamous Quadders) to discuss how best to proceed; potentially, review lines to assess which are existing FSR or designated skid trails, and which require further review for approval as designated ATV routes; identify priority routes. Still to do.

**Sicamous-to-Armstrong Rail-Trail** (see Shuswap River Trail Planning Area)

**Shuswap Trail Guide and Website Update** – (Shuswap Tourism/STA/Partners) – the Shuswap Trail guide will be updated ready for spring 2018. This will include update to the Shuswap Trails website content. Geo-Referenced trail maps are being added by CSRD GIS. **STATUS/ACTION:** preliminary planning consultation session TBA. Content edits/layout deadline – February 2018.

**Shuswap Mountain Bike Trail Mini-Guide** (Shuswap Tourism/STA/Shuswap Bike Club/SA-MRDT) – the Salmon Arm MRDT (Hotel Tax) has allocated funding to support improved mountain bike trail guide mapping, including online app updates. **STATUS/ACTION:** to coincide with Trail Guide update process (see above)

**Shuswap Motorized ORV Trail Guide** (Shuswap Tourism/Regional Partners) – there is an opportunity to explore the development of a dedicated ORV Trail Guide to address user education and access. **STATUS/ACTION:** follow-up with Shuswap Tourism by Motorized trail orgs needed.

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